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AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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SUBJECT: FUEL SHORTAGE: BUNKERS AND AVIATION FUEL

REFS: A. STATE 234084 B. JAKARTA 14038

FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING FUEL AVAILABILITIES
OBTAINED FROM PERTAMINA'S MARKETING DIVISION:

1. PERTAMINA HAS ESTABLISHED FOLLOWING SYSTEM OF PRIORITIES

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FOR BUNKERING OCEAN-GOING VESSELS:

A. TANKERS CARRYING OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION.

B. SHIPS BRINGIN IN "VITAL COMMODITIES," INCLUDING RICE AND "CRITICAL" EQUIPMENT.

C. VESSELS BRINGIN IN UREA (THESE SHIPS FROM JAPAN FORMERLY OBTAINED ONLY ENOUGH TO GET BACK; NOW, BECAUSE NO BUNKER AVAILABLE IN JAPAN, THEY RE TAKING ON ENOUGH IN INDONESIA FOR ROUND TRIP.)

D. PERTAMIN EXPORT TANKERS.

E. ESTABLISHED CUSTOMERS FOR AMOUNTS BASED ON HISTORICAL PURCHASES

NO BUNKER IS BEING DELIVERED TO TRAMPS (PRESUMABLY EXCEPT AS UNDER 1(E) ABOVE)9AND NONE IS BEING EXPORTED FOR RESALE.

2. ACCORDING TO PERTAMINA SOURCE, EVEN WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK SHORTAGES ARE DEVELOPING AND OUTLOOK FOR 974 IS NOT BRIGHT. DIFFICULTY IS BEING EXPERIENCED IN PROVIDING BUNKERS FOR SHIPS MOVING INDONESIAN EXPORTS; FOR EXAMPLE, BAUXITE AND NICKEL, MOSTLY CARRIED BY FOREIGN FLAGS.

3. IN LATTER PART OF OCTOBER DR. SANGER, DIRECTOR OF PERTAMINA'S LEGAL AND FOREIGN MARKETING DIVISION, MADE TRIP TO RIYADH TO REQUEST SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR INDONESIA BY SUPPLYING SINGAPORE REFINERIES WITH ENOUGH CRUDE TO PRODUCE BUNKER, KEROSENE AND OTHER PRODUCTS FOR INDONESIAN MARKET. SOURCE CITED ABOVE REPORTS THAT SAUDIS HAVE NOT RESPONDED AS YET TO THIS APPKL. HE COMMENTED THAT I ONESIANS COULD OBTAIN PRODUCT REQUIRED FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION FROM OWN LOW-SULFUR CRUDE, IF NECESSARY, BUT THAT IT WOULD BE WASTEFUL TONWO SO.

4. REGARDING AVIATION FUEL, PRIORCY IS BEING GIVEN ESTABLISHED CUSTOMERS FOR AMOUNTS CONSISTENT WITH HISTORICAL OFFTAKE. SOURCE CONFIRMED INFORMATION REF B THAT CREDIT CARDS ARE NO UNCLASSIFIED

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LONGER ACCEPTED, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1.

5. WE RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT WARN AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTING UNSCHEDULED CARRIERS WHO OPERATE TO INDONESIA THAT PERTAMINA HAS ASKED FOR AT LEAST THREE WEEKS' NOTICE THEIR FUELING REQUIREMENTS (REF B) BECAUS OF SUPPLY UNCDBTAINTIES. GALBRAITH

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